

Proposals for Development of Tourism in Madhya Pradesh

[†]3625. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals sent by Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of tourism and total amount sought for this purpose from the Central Government; and

(b) the total amount to be provided by Central Government in order to implement these proposals and by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Development and promotion of tourist places/centres is primarily undertaken by the State Government/ Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, the Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance on the basis of projects prioritised every year in consultation with them. For the year 2000-2001, 13 projects were prioritised for central financial assistance of Rs. 261.20 lakhs.

(b) Out of the 13 projects prioritised, 12 have been sanctioned for Rs. 243.21 lakhs and an amount of Rs. 76.27 lakhs has been released as first instalment during the financial year 2000-2001. Implementation and execution of the projects sanctioned by the Central Department of Tourism is the responsibility of the concerned State Government.

Non-inclusion of Indian Historical Sites in UNESCO's World Heritage list

3626. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that no Indian Historical site is included in this year's UNESCO's World Heritage list;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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